

IN RE: Application of May River Water Company) ORDER APPROVING
for Approval to Transfer Water System to) WATER SYSTEM
Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority) TRANSFER

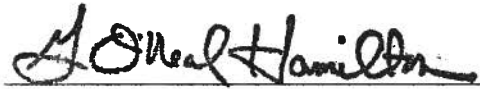
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of the May River Water Company, Inc. (“Applicant”) for approval of the transfer of the water system to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority. The Application was received November 20, 2013. On the same day, the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) filed a Notice of Appearance of Counsel, indicating C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire, would appear for the Office of Regulatory Staff. On November 27, 2013, the Commission’s Clerk’s Office issued a Notice of Filing to the Applicant, with instruction on how to properly publish it. On December 1, 2013, the Applicant published notice of its Application in *The Hilton Head Island Packet* and *The Beaufort Gazette*, newspapers of general circulation in and around Beaufort County, South Carolina. Additionally, the Applicant mailed a copy of the Notice of Filing to each resident of May River Plantation on November 27, 2013, by US Mail, as well as the Town Manager of Bluffton and the Beaufort County Administrator. The deadline for intervention or objection, as specified in the notice, was December 13, 2013. No objections or petitions to intervene were received and, on December 16, 2013, the Office

of Regulatory Staff filed with the Commission a letter confirming that it had no objection to the Application.

We find that, under these circumstances, the public interest is best served by approving this transfer, which will result in lower rates to the consumers on the water system. There have been no objections or petitions to intervene in this matter, and the Office of Regulatory Staff, which is statutorily charged with representing the public interest, has stated that it has no objection. Accordingly, we grant the requested relief.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikiya Han, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)